

Examination of the most important present day texts in tropical medicine, public health and malariology readily shows that *darlingi* is an extremely widely used name, which is familiar to physicians, entomologists and others concerned with public health in the Neotropical Region. As one who is engaged in the training of physicians and entomologists in the field of malaria epidemiology, I feel that great confusion would result from the strict application of the Law of Priority in this case.

SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL LIST OF
BIRADIOLITES D'ORBIGNY, 1850, AND *DURANIA* DOUVILLE, 1908.
Z.N.(S.) 1765

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I wish to support the petition by Ralph Myers on placing *Biradiolites* and *Durania* on the Official List. After the paper by Coogan had appeared in 1966, interpreting these in a radically different manner, I examined the nomenclatural basis for his decisions and became convinced of the error. Because his paper had wide circulation in a professional journal, it seems desirable that the correct basis for these two generic taxa should be firmly established by such a device as Dr. Myers has proposed. This will be in the interests of nomenclatural stability and in harmony with conventional usage.

COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SUPPRESSION OF *AMPHISBAENA*
MILDEI PETERS, 1879. Z.N.(S.) 1746
(see volume 23, pages 162-163)

The nomenclature committee of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists unanimously opposes this application.

The following alternatives are available under the Code:

1. Selection of a neotype from the original type locality, and use of the name for that population—on the assumption that the original author simply failed to mention the caudal tubercles.

2. Selection of a neotype from one of the populations without caudal tubercles, found near the type locality of *A. mildei*—thus allocating the name for further use.

Either of these Alternatives would contribute to stability quite as well as the action requested of the Commission.

This group of lizards is of little significance to biologists outside of taxonomy, and shifts in the names would not be unduly disturbing. Exercise of the plenary powers is authorized only where application of the provisions of the Code would "disturb stability or universality or cause confusion" (Art. 79). The petition has not demonstrated that this is such a case.